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**This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R  
§ 1.53 (b) of Application No. 09/357,976.**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the foregoing documents is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,341,312  
U.S. Patent No. 6,233,543  
U.S. Patent No. 6,298,060  
U.S. Patent No. 6,085,247  
U.S. Patent No. 5,867,636  
U.S. Patent No. 5,546,382

The foregoing documents were cited by the Examiner during prosecution of parent application 09/357,976 from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		6,341,312	01/02	French et al.	709	227	
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		6,298,060	10/01	Miyakawa et al.	370	400	
		6,085,247	07/00	Parsons, Jr. et	709	227	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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